

Who Should Register to Vote?

Have you moved since you last voted? Or perhaps you have changed your name? Did you know that a voter who has either changed addresses or changed names needs to update his or her voter registration with their county election administrator? Updating the county on these changes will help ensure a smooth and trouble-free experience on Election Day. Accurate records help election officials to quickly and easily determine who is eligible to vote and to designate resources to prepare that precinct's polling place on Election Day. Simply stated, if a voter's name or address is incorrect in the voting records, he or she may not be on the poll list and may not be eligible to vote.

The process for updating voter registration is designed to be as simple and convenient as possible. In fact, Hoosier voters can update their voter registration name and address at the BMV when they are getting an updated ID to reflect their changed information.

In addition to updating information at the BMV, voters can submit a request for change of name or address directly to their county. The Voter Registration Application form (VRG-7) serves both of these purposes in addition to voter registration. This form can be obtained on the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.IN.gov/elections, the Indiana Voters website, www.IndianaVoters.com, by contacting your county clerk's office, or by calling the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE. If you are not sure whether your voter registration reflects your current address, you can always check on IndianaVoters.com or by calling the Hoosier Voter Hotline at the number above.

All voter registration forms including both new registrations and updates must be received at least 30 days before the election in order for the voter to vote in that election. This means that to be eligible to vote in the 2007 Primary Election, the voter registration form is due on or before April 9th, 2007, and on or before October 9th, 2007 for the 2007 Municipal Election. Voter registration applications received after these dates will still be processed, but the voter's will not be eligible to vote or updated with the new information until the following election.